

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed the application in light of the December 30, 2005 Office Action. To clarify the presently claimed concepts, Applicant has amended claims 1, 14, 17, and 33. Applicant submits, however, that these amendments have not narrowed the scope of these claims. For the reasons provided below, Applicant asserts that the currently pending claims are patentably distinct over the cited patents. Applicant therefore respectfully requests favorable action for this case.

Examiner Interview Summary

On February 7, 2006, Wes Musselman conducted an examiner interview with Examiner Jeffrey Shapiro regarding the teachings of the following cited art: U.S. Patent No. 6,643,623, U.S. Patent No. 6,714,559, and U.S. Patent No. 6,574,603. No specific claims were discussed. No claim amendments were proposed.

§ 103 Rejections

The Examiner rejects claims 1-56 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,643,623 issued to Kolls ("*Kolls*") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,714,559 issued to Meier ("*Meier*"). Applicant respectfully submits that the cited art fails to disclose each and every limitation of independent claims 1, 14, 17, 33, and 47.

For example, amended independent claim 1 recites, "the at least one client module at the retail refueling facility comprising at least one of a wireless transmitter and a wireless receiver and operable to automatically configure at least one service device for interfacing the in-store controller with the at least one service device, the in-store device comprising a third-party device and operable to provide services to the retail refueling environment in response to the at least one message." More particularly, claim 1 recites, "the at least one client module ... operable to automatically configure at least one service device for interfacing the in-store controller with the at least one service device." For the teaching of the client module, the in-store controller, and the service device, the Examiner offers the PC 630B, the POS system 614, and the laptop print

station 646, respectively. However, *Kolls* fails to teach or suggest that the PC 630B automatically configures the laptop print station 646 for interfacing the POS system 614 with the laptop print station 646. Accordingly, Applicant submits that claim 1 and its dependents are allowable over *Kolls* and *Meier*.

Independent Claims 14, 17, 33, and 47 recite limitations that are similar, although not identical, to the limitation of Claim 1 discussed above. Therefore, these claims are allowable for reasons analogous to those discussed above in connection with Claim 1. Claims 15-16, 18-32, 34-46, and 48-56 each depend from one of independent Claim 14, 17, 33, and 47 and are thus also patentable over the cited art.

The Office Action rejects Claims 6, 8, 16, 23, 30, 32, 36, 43, 45, 46, and 49-56 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Kolls* in view of *Meier* and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,574,603 ("*Dickson*"). Claims 6, 8, 16, 23, 30, 32, 36, 43, 45, 46, and 49-56 are allowable at least because each depends from one of independent Claims 1, 14, 17, 33, and 47 which have been shown above to be allowable. Furthermore, the Office Action fails to cite a teaching or suggestion in *Dickson* of the missing limitations. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of Claims 6, 8, 16, 23, 30, 32, 36, 43, 45, 46, and 49-56.

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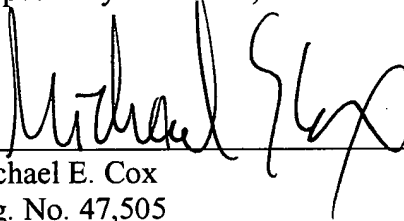
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CONCLUSION

In view of the above, and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicant respectfully submits that the Application is in condition for allowance, and request such a Notice. If the present Application is not allowed and/or if one or more of the rejections is maintained or made final, Applicant hereby requests a telephone conference with the Examiner and further requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney to schedule a telephone conference.

No additional fees are believed to be due. However, please apply any deficiencies or any other required fees or any credits to deposit account 06-1050, referencing the attorney docket number shown above.

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